President U Thein Sein sends message of sympathy to Thai Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—For the loss of lives and destruction of property in several provinces of the Kingdom of Thailand brought about by the recent floods, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to Her Excellency Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand.

Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union
* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends opening of national level workshop on improvement of Myanmar’s football ability

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — A ceremony to open a national level workshop on improvement of Myanmar’s football ability at Myanmar International Convention Centre here today and Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an opening speech.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, members of the Myanmar National Sports Committee, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, the President of Myanmar Football Federation and executives, officials of football clubs, football sports experts, media persons and resource persons.

In his address, he said football began in Myanmar when service personnel of British administration and Myanmar youths played the game for enjoyment during the colonial rule after the first Anglo-Myanmar War. During the games in the colonial period, Myanmar team was called “Longyi Team” as the players of the team wore longyi and the British team was called a “long-pants team”.

The football sport again after Myanmar had regained her independence, and Myanmar’s achievement in the sport reached its peak during the period from 1960 to 1979, winning Asia’s championship for two times, South East Asian championship for five times, Merdeka championship for four times, Merdeka Cup for four times, Marahalim Cup for three times, Asia Youth championship for eight times and won the fair play award of the 1972 World Olympic Games in Munich.

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Myanmar’s success in football sport had faded away during the period from 1980 to 2002 and achieved success again as from 2002, winning trophies in ASEAN U-17 championship in 2002 in Malaysia, ASEAN U-18 championship in 2003 in Yangon, BIMSTEC U-18 championship in 2004 in Thailand, U-20 ASEAN Youth championship in 2005 in Indonesia, U-17 ASEAN Youth Soccer Tournament in Thailand and 2006-Merdeka Cup. Again, Myanmar became a champion of invitational tournament of six nations in Mekong region after beating Thailand 2-1.

The Vice-President also urged athletes, managers, coaches and officials concerned to make strenuous effort to win glorious victories which Myanmar gained in the past.

With the aim of improving Myanmar’s football standard, (See page 6)
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**Collaborative efforts for rural development**

Chairman of the Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee Meeting (1/2011) held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development in Nay Pyi Taw the other day.

A wide-ranging survey of livelihood of household jointly conducted by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and United Nations Programme showed that although poverty rate of the whole country decreased from 32 % to 26 %, the gap between urban and rural areas is still widened.

The country has targeted to reduce poverty rate down to 16 % in 2015 in order to meet Millennium Development Goals, narrowing the gap between urban and rural areas. As rural development and poverty alleviation tasks will be carried out up to December 2015, it is required to employ ten work programmes for poverty alleviation as work guidelines.

Only with extensive cultivation of crops which are favourable to regional climates, can rural development and poverty alleviation be realized.

The important point to carry out poverty alleviation is to implement One Village One Product programme and establish village-based industries that can generate more incomes for local folks who are dealing with conventional farm activities.

In the drive for rural development and poverty alleviation, availability of safe drinking water and irrigated water, better education, health and transport are to be prioritized for socioeconomic development of rural people. The onus is on the rural folks to collaborate with the government for the success of rural development tasks.

**Untimely Rainfall Warning**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Oct**—According to the observations at (12:30)hrs MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over East Central Bay still persists. Under its influence, widespread rain or thundershowers are likely in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin and Rakhine States within next (48)hrs commencing noon today. Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (50) m.p.h, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

**Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), roads and bridges inspected**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Oct**—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected progress of the construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) in Ayeyawady Region on 16 October.

After inspecting the Kyeinbinse–Sakkow–Danubyu–Zalun-Hinthada road, the deputy minister met 17 company groups that are engaged in the construction of Hinthada –Sonekon –Myanaung road section at the office of Hinthada District Superintending Engineer.

Afterwards, he looked into Hinthada–Yekyi–Pahein road and met with Ayeyawady Region Transport Minister U Than Tun and engineers at the meeting hall of Ayeyawady Region. He then gave instructions on maintenance of roads and bridges in rainy season and repair of the facilities in open season.

**Union FM sends message of sympathy to Thai counterpart**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Oct**—For the loss of lives and destruction of property in several provinces of the Kingdom of Thailand brought about by the recent floods, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand.—MNA

**Myanmar, Britain eye strengthening ties, closer cooperation**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Oct**—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay received British Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Andrew Richard Heyn at his office here at 1 pm today. They discussed matters on further strengthening ties and development tasks.

**Working Group on SKRL Project meets**

The 13th special working group meeting on Singapore-Kunming Rail Link Project was held at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Navy Minister U Aung Min and the chairman of SKRL working group and deputy transport minister of Malaysia extended greetings. The Union Minister and deputy minister then exchanged gifts and posed for documentary photos together with delegates.

The Malaysian deputy minister and delegates discussed works for SKRL Project with Managing-Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Railways and party.

**Ministry of Rail Transportation, and delegates from ASEAN Secretariat, UNESCAP, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.**

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Nine security personnel killed in militants attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 18 Oct—
At least nine Pakistani security personnel and 15 militants were killed on Monday during an armed clash that triggered after an attack at a security check post by militants in the country’s northwestern tribal region, local media reported. Local Urdu TV Geo News quoted security sources as saying that 30 to 35 militants attacked a security check post in Bara area of Khyber Agency, Pakistan’s northwestern tribal region bordering Afghanistan.

Militants used automatic weapons along with hand grenades and rockets that killed nine soldiers.

Soon after the attack, the security forces started retaliation which led to the hours-long armed clash in which reportedly 15 militants were killed and some others succeeded to escape.

No militant group has claimed the attack yet. Thousands of Pakistani soldiers were engaged in a major offensive against the Taleban in NW region in the past couple of years. Pakistani officials claimed that at least 5,000 Pakistani security personnel have been killed in attacks by the militants since it joined the war on terror.

Xinhua

Foreign tourists killed in Botswana plane crash

GABORONE, 18 Oct—
At least eight foreigners were killed when their tourist plane crashed following take-off near an airstrip in north Botswana’s Okavango Delta, officials in Botswana said Monday.

Four Swedes, two French and two Britons died when the Cessna 208 plane crashed and burst into flames on Friday, said Chris Nkwe, spokesman for Botswana’s Civil Aviation Authority.

In Paris, however, the French foreign ministry said in a statement that three, not two, French nationals had been killed.

According to Britain’s Daily Telegraph newspaper, seven victims died inside the aircraft, while another died in hospital after jumping from the craft before it hit the ground.

Media reports also said one of the victims was the British pilot.

It was not immediately clear how many people were on board, but there were only four survivors — a French couple and two Botswana nationals, according to officials.

Xinhua

Four people wounded in attacks in Iraq

BAQUBA, 18 Oct—
Four people were wounded in separate bomb attacks in Iraq’s eastern Province of Diyala on Monday, the police said.

Three civilians were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near their car in the Village of Bani Zaid, west of the provincial capital City of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala’s operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a policeman was wounded when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated in the town of Baladroz, some 30 km east of Baquba, the source said.

Also in the Province, Iraqi security forces carried out search operations across the province during the past 24 hours and arrested 12 suspects, including six wanted individuals, and defused a roadside bomb, the source added.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Qaeda militants and other militant groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Xinhua

Canada man arrives home after 11-year walk around world

MELBOURNE, 18 Oct—A 56-year-old Canadian man who left home after his business went bankrupt has completed a 11-year walk around the world, and finally made it back to his homeland.

Jean Beliveau, who arrived on Sunday to a hero’s welcome in Montreal from loved ones, MPs and supporters - said his “real mission” was to lobby Canada and other governments to create “ministries of peace.” “We are all different, and that is what is beautiful about life on Earth - our different colours, different beliefs, different political systems,” the Telegraph quoted him as saying.

Those are all musical notes... we must create harmony from them, create a common tune,” an emotional Beliveau told the crowd assembled at city hall in the old part of the city.

Beliveau left Montreal on the day of his 45th birthday - 18 August, 2000 - after his small sign business went bankrupt. He decided to run around the world to try to escape the pain.

The Canadian ran all the way to Atlanta, Georgia before slowing his stride for what would become the longest uninterrupted walk around the world: 75,000 kilometres across 64 countries.

Upon his return on Sunday, Beliveau reunited with his mother, whom she had not seen throughout his 11 years on the road. She welcomed him in a tight embrace. More than 100 supporters walked the final kilometres with Beliveau through the streets of Montreal.

Internet
Japanese encephalitis kills 68 kids in Gaya

PASAY, 18 Oct—With six more deaths, Japanese encephalitis, a brain infection, has killed 68 children in Bihar’s Gaya District in the last 50 days, an official said Monday.

Six more children died in the last three days at the Amugrah Narayan Medical College and Hospital (ANMCH), about 100 km from here, hospital deputy superintendent NK Paswan said.

‘About 50 children are still battling for life in the hospital,’ he said. Most children belong to Mahadalit families — the poorest of the poor in the state.

A three-member team of doctors from New Delhi visited the hospital Sunday and discussed the measures taken to check the spread of the disease, district civil surgeon Dilip Kumar said.

The first encephalitis-related death in the district was reported 23 Aug.

Three kids die of diarrhea outbreak in Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 18 Oct—At least three children have died due to diarrhea outbreak at a village in southern Philippines, officials said on Tuesday.

The village of Tinoto in Mindanao’s Sarangani Province has been placed under state of calamity since dozens of residents were hospitalized with symptoms of the water-borne disease last week, said Meloy Latoja, an official of the provincial social welfare office.

Local doctors are still examining samples of the community’s source of potable water to determine the presence of diarrhea-causing bacteria, Latoja said. The fatalities were five years old and under, he said.

Earnings of two major US banks rise in third quarter

NEW YORK, 18 Oct—The third quarter earnings of the two US leading banks Citigroup Inc and Wells Fargo greatly increased due to expanding credit and less bad loans. Citigroup reported a net income of 3.77 billion US dollars, or 1.23 dollars per share, up from 2.17 billion dollars, or 72 cents per share a year earlier.

While Wells Fargo registered a profit of 4.1 billion dollars, or 72 cents per share, with a year-on-year increase of 24 percent. Citigroup’s gain in the third quarter was mainly attributed to its widening credit spreads and less money set aside to cover bad loans. Wells Fargo was boosted by gains in its lending and deposit division and the lack of exposure to risky investments in banking business.

New York manufacturing activity contracts for fifth straight month

NEW YORK, 18 Oct—Manufacturing activity in the New York Region in the United States continued to deteriorate in October, marking the fifth consecutive month of contraction, said the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Monday.

According to the newly-released data, the New York Empire State Manufacturing Index was minus 8.5 points in October, basically flat in comparison with minus 8.8 points a month before, while analysis had expected a reading of minus 4.0 points.

However, new orders rose to 0.2 points, after having contracted from June to September, while the inventories index remained below zero and indicated a modest decline in inventory levels.

The outlook for the future six months worsened to 6.74 from 13.04 last month, the lowest level since February 2009. The Empire State index covers the New York State, northern New Jersey and southern Connecticut. A level above 0 means expansion, and a negative one stands for reduction.

Lamy vows that WTO will fight against protectionism

CHENGDU, 18 Oct — Visiting WTO Director General Pascal Lamy on Monday said the organization will strive to prevent any protectionist trends strengthening during the current tumultuous economic times.

Lamy made the remark during his visit to Chengdu, capital city of southwest China’s Sichuan Province, where he will attend a seminar on global trade.

Speaking of protectionism, Lamy said, “We have to be very vigilant of that. That is the main task of the WTO.”

Lamy praised China’s increasing effort to raise its domestic consumption and introducing other reforms for rebalancing the world economy while criticizing some western economies.

“The United States has to reduce its private expenses. Japan and EU have to reduce their public debt,” he said.

Apple’s iPhone 4S sales top four mn in three days

WASHINGTON, 18 Oct — Though Apple iPhone 4S failed to wow pundits when it was unveiled, the company sold more than 4 million units over the weekend, making it the fastest-selling iPhone ever.

More than 25 million people have also downloaded iOS 5 to their iPhones, iPads and iPod Touches in the five days since the operating system’s release, the technology giant announced Monday. And more than 20 million people have signed up for iCloud, Apple’s free service that syncs data such as calendars, contacts and photos wirelessly across a user’s computer and portable Apple gadgets, the company said.

The service was also launched five days ago and iPhone 4S sales were “more than double the iPhone 4 Launch during its first three days”, Philip Schiller, Apple’s senior vice president of worldwide product marketing, said in the company announcement.

The previous-generation iPhone 4, launched in June 2010, is Apple’s bestselling product; more of the latest devices have been sold than all earlier versions of the iPhone combined.

More than 1 million iPhone 4S handsets were pre-ordered in the first 24 hours after the new product was revealed 4 Oct, the day before Apple co-founder and technology icon Steve Jobs died. So far, the iPhone 4S is for sale in the US, Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Japan and Britain. Apple said it will be available in 22 additional countries 28 Oct and in more than 70 countries by the end of the year.
Strengthening friendship and cordial relations with friend in the north

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

The landmass of the northern part of Myanmar you can have a browse on Google satellite web page so is wide and large. Compared with this landmass, the land of Myanmar is rather flat and smooth. There is a 1749-mile-long river originated in Tibetan Plateau of the landmass. The river is called Gyalmo Ngulchu or Nujiang (The Angry River) in China and Thanlwin River in Myanmar. Whatever it is called, it is sure to say that there were people who have utilized water from the same river. Those people have been living on the single landmass, sharing the water from the same river and making close contacts with each other for years countable by the thousands. Sharing the water from the same river and making people have been living on the single landmass, sharing the water from the same river and making close contacts with each other for years countable by the thousands.

Moreover, China and Myanmar faced the same experience in which both countries had fallen under the yoke of Fascism and struggled for their independences. It has surprised the international community to know when China and Myanmar accepted in peace to share the 1358-mile border between the two countries after being demarcated. As the two good neighbours countries had co-existed in peace through friendliness and mutual understanding all along the course of history, now such a long history of bilateral friendship and relationship has grown into strategic partnership from a profound Paukphaw relationship. Indestructible evidences can be seen vividly in the bilateral relations throughout the history in which the two neighbours countries maintained cordial relations at any time through coordination.

As the River Thanlwin proved to be a landmark in the history of the two countries, the Ayeyawady River originated in Himalaya-capped mountain ranges sharing border with China is also important for Myanmar. As the mountain ranges give away its water resource to China and Myanmar, if she plays a role of mother, China and Myanmar will be her offspring.

The President announced the suspension of construction of Myitsone project by sending a message to the Hluttaw as there arose different views on the Myitsone dam which will be jointly implemented by CPI Corporation (China Power Investment Corporation) for generating electricity at the upper reaches of Ayeyawady, confluence of Maykha and Malikha, there by triggering public concerns among Myanmar people.

Media in China has produced various criticism over the suspension of Myitsone project while there have been a lot of arguments about the issue of Myitsone between those on one side wishing to suspend and abolish the project and those on other side wishing to continue to implement it. In Myanmar, there are those worried about the possible dangers of the dam naturally while some are instigating with the intention of harming China-Myanmar relations.

Besides, a foreign media fabricated news that Wikileaks website carries news about cash assistance of an embassy of a world power to those who opposed the Myitsone dam project. So it can be deduced from the fact that this issue is not simple but a very complicated issue. As fabricated news over the Myitsone issue being produced on air and in print, aiming to disrupt China-Myanmar relations, spread rapidly, it has come to accept that there are those with the intent to jeopardize China-Myanmar relations that have existed since time immemorial. Nonetheless, it is very important for Myanmar to maintain cordial relations with her neighbouring country.

Electricity is heavily demanded for national development. In the drive for ensuring adequate supply of electricity, there emerged firm proofs that consumption of natural gas leads to consequences of green house gas and putting into service of nuclear power plants have the catastrophic consequences. So, all experts and scholars are welcoming joyfully the generating of hydropower, a renewable energy acceptable to every one. Thus, it is required to weigh the benefit and the risk for future result. In this incident, it is necessary to choose a partner who are best suited and create a win-win situation that can benefit all participants.

Along the course of history, China has protected national interests of Myanmar, standing firmly on Myanmar’s side. In September 2006, US proposed to put Myanmar affairs on the agenda of the UN Security Council citing it as the threat to regional and international peace and security and persuaded or pressured some members of the Security Council into the case. US hand in glove with Britain, attempted to make UN Security Council take punitive measures against Myanmar, so as to interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar. China in response vetoed the US’s proposal together with Russia Federation, citing that Myanmar’s affairs is just the internal affairs of a sovereign nation and it does not pose threat to regional and international peace and security; immediate neighbours of Myanmar, ASEAN nations and countries in Asia-Pacific Region do not think that current condition in Myanmar is a threat to regional and international peace and security; the primary responsibility of the Security Council is to maintain peace and security and thus it does not need to interfere in Myanmar affairs and if it does so, it means acting beyond its authority which would be likely to hinder actions of other UN agencies. It was the double veto of great significance in the history of the UN.

Again, in July 2009, a senior Chinese diplomat in an open meeting of the UN Security Council showed China’s neighbourhoods towards Myanmar, urging the international community to judge the political progress of Myanmar more fairly and reduce discrimination against Myanmar with an air of superiority turning a blind eye to the truth. Thanks to its ever-present support as a friendly neighbour, Myanmar can be marching towards democracy with full of energy. Besides, China was the first visitor to attend the event of marking the first step of Myanmar Hluttaws (Parliament) and the new government.

Moreover, China gave a hand in economic sector of Myanmar albeit sanctions of superpower colonialists against the latter. Due to its support, Myanmar could boost border trade in short time and China has become the biggest investor in Myanmar. Amidst the multi-faceted sanctions of vastly superior big nations, Myanmar people could pursue education with reasonably-priced computers and modern hi-tech equipment with the assistance of China as well as watching television for recreation. Myanmar children could play with various hi-tech toys and ride mountain bikes. Villagers could purchase China-made motor bikes for about 0.4 to 0.5 million kyats when motor bikes imported from other countries were sold for about 1.5 million kyats per item in 2000s and in consequence, hawkers have turned into motorcyclist sellers. Moreover, rural people can go out in night with the help of LED lights. Everyone is satisfied with affordable Chinese products. The two nations have entered into closer relations because of this mutually beneficial trade. It has been cent per cent Win-Win Situation.

The suspension of Myitsone Dam Project is the decision of the President echoed by people’s voice and wishes. It is an understandable decision. The two neighbours will seek a peaceful solution through coordination to compensate for losses of China. Myitsone Project is not the sole connection between the two neighbours but there are multiple cooperative relations which would further foster Sino-Myanmar relations. It is definitely impossible that Myitsone issue can deteriorate the friendship of two neighbours.

As the foreign policy of Myanmar is to maintain friendly ties with neighbours, it would continue building everlasting relationship with China. As Chinese President Yang Shangkun once in his remark said “the magnitude of closeness of the two countries, for instance, is as if one could hear the rooster crow from the next compound”, the extent of the closeness is such an impressive one that I just cannot imagine what exactly can break up this relation.

In reality, Ayeyawady River will not vanish whatsoever but exist forever. Likewise, Tibetan Plateau and neighbour from the other side of the northern mountain ranges of Myanmar will be standing so long as the earth exists. It is impossible to acknowledge none of neighbours from different directions and Myanmar has to co-exist with its neighbours as created by the history. Aselforts were made for differentiation between positive and negative impacts in constructing the dam and it needs to distinguish pros and cons in maintaining unity with neighbours and choose the best way for win-win situation. Only then, can Myanmar people roar “Till the earth vanishes, Myanmar would exist.”

Translation: YM+TKK
Vice-President
Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends...
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Myanmar Football Federation that led Myanmar football teams to professional level has been holding Myanmar National League since 2009 and the number of football clubs has reached 12 within three years, he said.

Myanmar National League was held every year and it was expected to win regional soccer cups with the assistance of national entrepreneurs and cheer of the people. However, Myanmar did not achieve success. Therefore, the workshop was held today to seek ways for improvement of Myanmar’s soccer ability through various point of views.

Today, the world has seen changes in attitudes towards the football sport, no longer considering the game as a physical exercise and entertainment. The game has been considered as a professional career and a business, attracting investment for nurturing athletes, training and winning.

Myanmar will be on road to success and to winning championship cups only when it makes reforms like global countries.

To improve the football ability, sports grounds across the country should be upgraded and sports grounds should be established at all basic education schools across the country. Meanwhile, soccer fans should be organized to support the game avoiding unruly manner and undisciplined behaviors.

To turn out new generation of football athletes, not only inter-region/state football tournaments are held but also students should be trained systematically at schools and universities with the assistance of sports gear. Students sports meet, inter-university and college sports competitions and national sports meet in the past turned out athletes who could bring glory to the country. Therefore, sports meets should be held again, and village, ward, township, district level football tournaments should be held while arrangements are to be made to sell sports gear at reasonable prices.

To improve the quality of coaches and referees, courses should be conducted for coaches and referees so that they can acquire changing soccer techniques and international rules for sports.

To produce new generation of footballers, not only Sports and Physical Education Institutes (Yangon/Mandalay) but also football clubs should open football academies to teach athletes football techniques and rules and to equip them with sportsman spirit. Meanwhile, not to occur gap among the players of the Myanmar Selected Team, athletes for the team should be trained systematically under age-wise group plans.

As it is found that owners of the football clubs have invested a lot of money in their clubs based on nationalistic spirit, it is required to assist them by the State and to seek sports markets and sponsors so that they can earn regular income for their sustainability.

In conclusion, the Vice-President urged participants of the workshop to approach the issue of improving the Myanmar’s football standard from different points of views while considering the roles the State, Myanmar Football Federation and football clubs and advices of media men, experts and the people. President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw reported on tasks being carried out for achieving success in the sports sector and future tasks.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the workshop.
Chairman of the workshop Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tin Htun delivered an address. He said that a total of 12 football clubs are now participating in the Myanmar National League at professional level with the aim of uplifting the Myanmar sports standard that reached the Asian level in the past. In inviting papers and suggestions from football sports experts, publications and football sports enthusiasts through newspapers and MRTV, a total of 93 proposals were accepted. Of them, sixteen papers in the same theme will be submitted. The Union Minister thanked all the resource persons and football sports enthusiasts for their participation in the workshop and suggestions and methods will be studied and effectively applied for marching to the gold era of Myanmar football sports.
Deputy Director-General U Naw Taung of Ministry of Sports submitted the paper on uplifting football sports capabilities and physical strengthening system, and former Captain of Myanmar National Team U Than Toe Aung, the success of football sports that is more important than money and raising power of coaches.
Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyaw chaired the workshop in the morning session. U Aung Myo Min (former deputy minister) submitted the paper on improvement of Myanmar football sports, and retired assistant director U Aung Kyi on nurturing new generations and continuously holding inter-school football tournaments.

In the afternoon session, director Dr Ye Tin Lwin of Ministry of Sports submitted the paper on success of football sports and role of medical research, Secretary of Myanmar Sports Writers Federation U Soe Moe Kyaw on essential role of media in achievement of football sports, director U Zaw Lin (Stadium/ Gymnasium Division) of MFF on the standardizing the football grounds and training grounds and increasing their numbers, U Ye Myo Hein of Sport Time Journal on the more systematic implementation of pro-league plan to be

Ayeyawady Region troupe plays “Birth of Buddha” in drama contest

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Ayeyawady Region troupe staged “Birth of Buddha” drama in the drama contest of 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in convocation of University of Veterinary Science in Zeyathiri Township here this evening.

Among the spectators were Member of the Competitions Organizing Committee, Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt and wife, Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe members of the work committees and sub-committees, and members of central panel of judges.

U Aung Kyi (retired Assistant Director) reads out paper.—MNA

U Zaw Lin (Director, Stadium/ Gymnasium Division) of Myanmar Football Federation reads out paper.—MNA

The DeLorean gets an electric reboot into production for 2013

TEXAS, 18 Oct—The iconic gull-winged DeLorean DMC-12, which you all remember as Marty McFly’s stylish time machine from the Back to the Future series, will be coming back in 2013. The DeLorean Motor Company of Texas is teaming up with a startup named Epic EV to put the DMC-12 back into production—with a few improvements.

Though no Mr Fusion, Epic EV and DMC are gutting the DeLorean’s V6 engine and replacing it with an electric motor made by a California battery systems company aptly named Flux Power. The new model will be called the DMCEV.
According to Kevin McCaulay at Jalopnik, who recently got to test drive the “version 0.9” of the car with DMC president Stephen Wynne, the electric motor will be the equivalent of 260 hp and have a range of 70 to 100 miles. The DMCEV will be able to do 0-to-60 mph in 4.9 seconds and a top speed of 125 miles per hour. The prototype featured a built-in iPhone dock and a hinged grill hiding the charging port.

Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt and wife, Union Electric Power No. 2 Minister U Khin Maung Soe enjoys participation of Ayeyawady Region troupe in “Birth of Buddha” Drama Contest.—MNA

Internet
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Speakers address Seminar on Budgeting Process

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct.—The Seminar on Budgeting Process was organized in Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Building here this afternoon. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann addressed the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint in his address said that the budgeting process will be discussed in the seminar as a task for building capacity of Hluttaw representatives. He expressed thanks, on behalf of Hluttaw representatives, to in-charge professors, lecturers and retirees who will make discussions.

He noted that the constitution designates three kinds of bill to be submitted only by the Union government, namely National Project, Budget and Tax bills which combine as one in budgeting process. He linked the planning and budgeting, saying that it is need to estimate gross domestic product (GDP) of the country in budgeting for a particular fiscal year and to decide which per cent of GDP will be invested in national projects.

Both cost of commodity which is ordinary expenditure and the cost of investment called capital cost are to be estimated in the State budget, he explained.

He continued to say that the investment and GDP ratio of a developing country needs to be between 20 and 25 per cent; budget deficit and GDP ratio is to be considered in calculating investment requirement of the entire nation; and five per cent and above ratio could lead to financial instability.

He said the facts are fundamental, which will further be detailed by scholars.

The seminar is part of building capacity of Hluttaw representatives who will have to discuss the State Budget Bill in third regular session of Hluttaw to help them discuss from technical point of view, he concluded.

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that he thanked for the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker who arranged for improving capacity of Hluttaw representatives as well as the scholars who participates in discussion aimed to enhance capacity of Hluttaw representatives with devotion.

He noted the main responsibility of the Hluttaws is to legislate and practice check and balance system to ensure citizens, and each organization including executive institutions abide by enacted laws; actually it is not reciprocal control but of reciprocal monitoring and assisting; Hluttaw representatives should be endowed with required qualifications related to legislative works to be able to efficiently handle with legislative works.

He said that he would like to request experienced representatives to join in capacity building scheme with consideration for the remaining representatives.

He added that legislation also meant works to revoke and amend existing laws, and scrutinizing for formulation of new laws necessary; Budget Law mentioned in today’s topic was pivotal law for the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

He went on that matters related to budget was high in the agenda of international parliaments today and thus capacity building is a must action.

He pointed out that almost all the Hluttaw representatives including him were not experienced in functions of parliament and the discussion was aimed to enhance capacity of Hluttaw representatives; it is learnt that in some countries, courses and discussions were organized for improvement in capacity of MPs and staff of the parliament.

He noted that discussions aimed to improve capacity of representatives were essential and said he believed that it would bring tangible results to Hluttaw representatives.

He then urged Hluttaw representatives to apply knowledge gained from today’s discussion in real world especially for national people.

Next, Director (Rtd) of Higher Education Department (Finance) U Kyi Yon discussed under the topics of “Understanding Government Budget”, “Government Budgeting (Current)” and “Government Budgeting Focusing”.

Next, Hluttaw representatives raised questions for their knowledge and the retired director answered the questions. The discussion adjourned at 4.30 pm.—MNA

Union Minister for Immigration and Population
U Khin Yi attends China-ASEAN Forum on Population and Family Development


The forum was attended by ministers and deputy ministers from ASEAN member countries and PRC, resident representatives from UN agencies and international organizations, scholars from universities of China and ASEAN countries.

At the opening ceremony, Minister of National Population and Family Planning Commission of China Dr Li Bini, Chairman of Guangxi Autonomous Region Mr Ma Biao, Union Minister U Khin Yi and officials of ASEAN countries delivered addresses.

Those present at the forum focused on population problems to be tackled for ensuring regional development, promoting family welfare programmes in the globalization process and under the situation of urban development, and raising international cooperation in the sector of population and family development.

During his stay in Nanning, the Union Minister met separately with members of National Population and Family Planning Commission of China, heads of the delegation of Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand, and discussed matters on population, organizational set up and functions of National Population and Family Planning Commission, international cooperation and law enforcement in the region.

The Union Minister and those present at the forum made a field trip to North Fengling Community in Qingxin District in Nanning, and studied measures being taken for rural development, aged care services, educative programmes on reproductive health for youth, water supplied for agricultural purpose, markets for agricultural produce and ensuring better transportation. The delegation members also visited Museum of Guangxi ethnic and Guangxi Herbal Gardens.—MNA
Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Oct—The second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 36th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning, with the attendance of Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thu U Shwe Mann and 377 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

At today’s session three questions were answered.

U Khin Maung Yi (a) U Khing Maung Yi of Ailton Constituency asked whether there is impact on Myanmar culture due to degradation of Myanmar’s movie standard, paucity of quality educative video from increased video productions, no effective response to video piracy, and TV series which rapidly penetrate and influence the country, introducing life style, contrary to the culture of the country, and how these TV series will be blocked. Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win answered that systematic plans were drafted for development of movie industry in 2002 after accessing reality and potentials of the industry; Myanmar’s movie industry, movie organization, and persons of the movie industry involved in drafting the plans; media featured real-time coverage about the activity; five objectives and 12 work plans for development of the movie industry are reminded in Academy award presentation ceremonies; that is why the majority is informed about the process; video is an entertainment which came out of difficulty in purchasing raw materials; films are from the movie industry; films are used for penetrating international market; official VCDs and DVDs of the big screens are often distributed; there is no separate video industry or market; the tasks for development of movie industry will improve the quality of videos at once; the movie industry will have to be developed in terms of market and technology in order to penetrate the foreign market; in developing Myanmar’s movie industry, the Ministry of Information sets targets for mechanical development, technical improvement of directors, actors, screen writers and editors, development of cinemas and penetration of Myanmar films into international market; Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise procured camera, audio switcher, colour separation machine and editing equipment worthy of over Euro 1.5 million; the tools worth Euro 4.5 million will be procured in 2012; the State is filling the need for machines necessary for producing quality movies; to effectively handle the machines, staff of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise are sent to local and foreign trainings; so, the movie producers have the opportunity to produce movies with modern machines; regarding the improvement of cinemas, screening systems and construction technologies are provided to private entrepreneurs to attract moviegoers; modern film projectors were installed in movie theatres to screen sharp pictures; sound systems were upgraded; decorations, inside and outside the cinema, and lighting systems were rearranged; as the ministry encourages to include international-standard mini-cinemas in new shopping malls, many cinemas emerge in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, and Mandalay; other Regions and States will follow the suit; the improved cinemas will attract more moviegoers and the increased profits will, in turn, attract producers to produce quality movies; to land foreign markets, 24 films were screened in eight international film festivals thanks to the Ministry of Information and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization during the period from 2002 to August 2011; the screenings caught interests of International audiences in Myanmar people through understanding customs and natural beauty of Myanmar; Myanmar movies are now screened in South East Asian countries thanks to the assistance of the ministry; plans are underway to produce movies and TV series jointly with China and Korea; filming courses are conducted in National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) of the Ministry of Culture; Myanmar Motion Picture Organization is organizing workshops in cooperation with international organizations and providing assistances to attend international film festivals and seminars; the abovementioned facts are measures of the Ministry of Information for creating a healthy environment for development of Myanmar’s movie industry; these measures alone will not develop the industry; persons of the industry are now applying their own experiences in acting, shooting, editing and writing and weak in studying the changes in each subject; it is a need for improvement of Myanmar’s movie industry; another barrier is production cost; current cost for making a movie ranges from K 80 million to K 120 million, including three types of cost; the first one is of cost, the second one of story, screenplay, director, song and actors and the third of filming and studio; enough cash will have to be brought in to produce a quality movie in addition to technical skills and machines; for instance, if the films are saved to reduce the cost of negative film, the aesthetic value will be dwindled because the director cannot catch the best performance of actors; if the appropriate settings are not prepared, attraction and nature of the story will be lowered; if the story and script are used without permissions, there will be copy rights disputes; with high cost of production, the movie producers have to recover the investment and make profits for next production; the situation drives the producers to consider the demand of market and audiences; to encourage the production of the movie hits, the audiences need to crowd the cinemas when quality films hit the silver screen; another deterrent is the broaden cultural gap in Myanmar; Myanmar have to compete with foreign movies officially imported by the State till 1980s; thanks to information technology, people are easily accessible to international movies and other media through VCDs, DVDs, internet and satellite dishes; the number of moviegoers is declining in countryside; it is planning to expand the market by constructing modern mini-cinemas in countryside; it is the desire of all the men of the silver screen to develop the standard of Myanmar’s movie industry reaching the level of international movie industry; the Ministry of Information is also providing assistances as a national objective; there are many issues to address and to develop the movie industry and its standard; another question raised by U Khin Maung Yi is related to the TV series; it is assumed to be TV series on Myanmar, Family Entertainment, Sky Net and so on; the censor board of the Ministry of Information is scrutinizing not only TV series but local and foreign movies and videos.

Emphasis is being placed on prohibiting decadent behaviors and indecent mode of dress for ensuring preservation of national culture and good morality. Significant points have been prescribed strictly for members of the motion picture and video censor boards to scrutinize the matters related to harming the preservation of national culture and good morality. At present, the motion picture and video censor boards scrutinize the works in line with the above-mentioned points. It can be seen that the international community also scrutinizes the movies in line with the similar rules. In the US, Motion Picture Association of America-MPAA, the movies are classified at G, PG, PG 13, R and NC 17 whether the children should enjoy or not.

Without studying international regulations, some persons said that motion picture and video censor boards should not be formed in the nation. Therefore, clarifications are made on practices of international community and necessity of scrutiny for preservation of national culture and better morality. He said that he thanked U Khin Maung Yi for his question on protection against foreign TV series harming Myanmar culture.

So, protection against alien culture will be undertaken strictly in line with the prescribed rules and regulations.

Another question was related to pirated video CDs. Not only the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Home Affairs but also Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and Myanmar Music Ashley emphasize combating the pirated CDs that harm benefits of video and music worlds. From January to September 2011, (See page 9)
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(from page 8) A total of 81 cases committing the TV and Video Law were exposed and action was taken against the offenders. In the cases 3174 copies of pirate Myanmar video CDs, 7294 copies of Myanmar karaoke CDs, 17923 copies of foreign video CDs, 2615 copies of CDs, the illegal production and sales of these CDs will be booming through various ways. Therefore, the Ministry of Information coordinates with respective organizations in giving educative works to the people. Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay replied to two questions raised by two Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Aye Maung of Maubin Constituency asked whether there is a plan to supply natural gas as fuel to private and government paper mills and cement plants; whether there is a plan to give priority to sales of natural gas from both inland and offshore to domestic customers instead of foreign customers; whether there is a plan to relax financial, tax, rules and regulations and investment matters for actual requirements of private cement plants or not; how the State will render assistance for monetary affairs; how about relaxation of suitable level for directives for protection of products and ways of cash assistance can be done; and how about relaxation of appropriate level for special loans and rules, regulations and directives of government departments can be done. The Union Minister replied that natural gas from both inland and offshore are being supplied to State-owned and private-owned cement plants and other factories and workshops.

Now, arrangements are being made for exploitation and production of oil and natural gas in 18 inland blocks. If more natural gas can be produced from these blocks, natural gas demand of factories and workshops including State-owned and private-owned cement plants and other factories and workshops can be supplied. In the oil and gas sector, offshore natural gas production earns the largest amount of foreign exchange for the nation. In 1981, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise found the natural gas deposit in the area of Yadana offshore natural gas project is added to the supply process. A total of 160 more cubic-feet million of natural gas will be taken from Shwe and Zawtika projects for domestic consumption in 2013. At that time, about 430 cubic-feet million of natural gas and all volume of natural gas would be supplied to all State and private sectors.

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The Ministry of Finance and Revenue relaxes monetary system in conformity with State market economy. Rules and regulations are related on appropriate steps for disbursement of loans in providing cash assistance which plays a key role in economic development of the State. Private banks have disbursed K 20200 million to private cement plants up to 28-9-2011. The Ministry of Commerce issued an order of the exemption of import licence fee for importing raw materials of Myanmar investment by practising the power in line with Section 3 of Export-Import Supervisory (Temporary) Act 1947.

With regard to the question asking whether there is a plan to open more fuel refilling stations for competitive sales in every town raised by U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency, the Union Minister replied that a total of 261 State-owned natural gas was used at three fertilizer plants from abroad for putting investment in the private business, incomes obtained from the sales of natural gas could be paid back to the debts and interests. Due to lack of investment and technology, the country sold offshore natural gas to foreign countries.

Oil and natural gas can be produced from block M-3 of Aung Than Aung Project in the time of the present government and other foreign resources will be supplied for domestic consumption so as to uplift development of the State.

Pyithu Hluttaw
Representative
U Soe Win of
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shooting questions.
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China to grant 17 security scanners to Cambodia

PHINN PHON, 18 Oct.—China on Sunday evening signed exchange of notes for granting 17 security scanners, worth 80 million yuan (12.5 million US dollars) to Cambodia for ports, airports and other national security when Cambodia hosts ASEAN next year. The exchange of notes for the grant was signed between Cambodia’s Deputy Prime Minister Keat Chhon and the Ambassador of China to Cambodia Pan Guangxue. The grant included three container scanners, seven full-body scanners, four personnel belongings scanners and three large-scale baggage scanners, Pan Guangxue said after the signing ceremony.

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Deputy Information Minister U Soe Win responding queries.— MNA

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Fuel business at new fuel stations and new oil installations is not sell State-owned materials to the private sector. Indeed, it is a business on the granted lands under the supervision of the Ministry of Energy and recommendations of local authorities. As such tasks are not related to functions of the Privatization Commission, the commission with a letter dated 7-10-2011 informed that the Ministry of Energy to continue such tasks under its arrangements. Therefore, any private company, organizations and person may submit proposals to the Ministry of Energy for openings of private fuel stations in the nation in line with the prescribed rules and regulations. Proposals will be invited through daily newspapers.

The 36th day second regular session ended at 11.45 am and the 37th day session continues at 1 am tomorrow.

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 35th day

Five questions raised, one bill approved, one bill seconded for discussion, one bill submitted

NAV PI TAW, 18 Oct.—The 35th second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 202 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt.-Gen Thein Htay answered the questions on border affairs raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

U Paul Lyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No. 9 asked whether there is a plan for bountiful safe drinking water for residents living in downtown Matupi and Yezwa. In response, the Union Minister said that the Union government has been prioritizing the supply of safe drinking water to Chin State as much as necessary, based on urban development and growing population. Matupi is constituted with four wards of 804 households with 8439 persons, and needs about 160,000 gallons of water per day. Currently, only about 90,000 gallons per day from two springs through five radial collector tanks can be supplied to 59 home tanks, 30 public taps and two lakes, covering 55% of urban water requirement.

To extend water supply system in Yezwa in 2011-2012 fiscal year, with the contribution of five million kyats by Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, K 2.8 million by the people, and HDPE pipes by the Development Affairs Department, works on construction of one radial collector tank at spring and one 10,000-gallon water storage tank, and laying of three- and two-inch water pipeline for two miles and four furlongs will be carried out. So, 10,000 gallons will be further supplied, totalling about 42,000 gallons and covering 100 per cent of water requirement. Urban water supply system will be upgraded and extended in this fiscal year. According to fund allotment of the DAD, the Union government will undertake tasks drawing year plan next year.

U Ha Shein Bwe of Chin State Constituency No. 8 asked whether there is a plan enjoyment of sufficient drinking water supply is needed by respective ministries. In response, the Union Minister said that until 2010-2011 fiscal year, with the assistance K 23.232 million of the State’s fund and HDPE pipes from the DAD, works on construction of one radial collector tank and laying of four-, three- and 1.2-inch pipeline were carried out.

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Amyotha Hluttaw representatives signing attendance book.—MNA

Union Minister said that although Paletwa lies in Chin State, the town is about 48 miles away from Kyuntaw of Rakhine State by way of Kissapangni River (Kalatan River) taking about five hours and solely depends on waterway for its transportation means. The town is constituted with three wards (6.64%) and 372 villages (93.36%) of 15,918 households with 85,582 persons.

There are 220 basic education high, middle and primary schools of the Ministry of Education in Paletwa Township, 19,317 students attending schools in 2011-2012 academic year, and 378 SAT, JAT and PAT. Student-teacher ratio stands at 1:52 and it is found sufficient ratio of students to schools.

The matriculation-passed students out of those who sat for exam were reckoned at less than 10% from 2006-2007 to 2009-2010 academic years. In 2010-2011 academic year, there were 124 matriculation-passed students out of 1215 students (10.2%), pointing out poor education standard.

Plan is drawn to open Border Areas and national Race Development Training School and vocational training school on the grounds of long-term benefits, generating job opportunities in the region, situation of needy students, availability of electricity and safe water and healthcare service.

Under the management of local officials, needy students willing to pursue education can be sent to Border Areas and National Races Development Training School in Sittway. If the training school is opened in Paletwa, it will be difficult for students from nearby townships to attend it and it will be beneficial to only the students from Paletwa.

To open Border Areas and National Races Development Training School and women’s vocational training school, required survey will be conducted in coordination with Chin State work committee and findings will be reported to the Central Committee for Implementation of Border Areas and national Race Development Training School.

Regarding the question of U Kham Hlaw Mon of Chin State Constituency No. 5 about whether there is a plan to upgrade Manipura River-crossing Tweethan suspension bridge into steel-truss Bailey one in Tiddim Township, the Union Minister said that from 1991-1992 to 2011-2012 fiscal years, works on construction of 871 miles and six furlongs of earthen road, 35 miles and seven furlongs of gravel road, 19 miles and four furlongs of tarred road, three large bridges, one small bridge and nine suspension bridges were carried out with the assistance of K 627.3 million of Border Areas Development Fund, K 648.379 million of the State’s fund and K 1322.5 million of development affairs departments fund, totaling K 2389.179 million.

With the contribution of K 46.45 million of border areas development fund, nine road and bridge works with the length of 117 miles and three bridges were constructed in Tiddim Township of Chin State from 1994-1995 to 2008-2009 fiscal years.

Under the programme of Community Development for Remote Townships (CDRT) of UNDP in coordination with Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department, K 36.457 million were spent on construction of eight suspension bridges, six wooden bridges in 14 villages in Tiddim Township from 2003 to 2009. Tweethan suspension bridge lies on the road linking Tiddim and Tweethan village-tract and is beneficial to 5500 persons of Tweethan village-tract.

Feasibility study on construction of upgrading of steel-truss Bailey suspension bridge will be conducted in coordination with Chin State Work Committee and findings will be scrutinized and submitted.

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small-scale products on agriculture, establishment of free clinics sponsored by Mandalay City Development Committee, trying to get solar system energy and taking out loans amounted K 4.6028 billion to the region as capitals.

Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint presented reports on progress of boosting agriculture works in Mudon Agricultural Farm, reclamation of 200 acres of integrated farm among 520 acres of integrated farm, taking measures for pests control, growing rubber plantations in the place endangered for forest and holding workshops on exporting quality rubber in advance.

Then, Rakhe State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin presented reports on capitals for growing and supplies of fertilizers from the agricultural production groups, reclamation of integrated farms, formations of groups for meat and fish production, implementation to establish small private-owned enterprises, promotion of communication sector and plantations of mangrove forest.

Afterwards, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe reported on training and education programmes for agricultural production, small scale integrated farming, cooperation with foreign companies for rural electrification, works being carried out by the job generation sub-committee in addition to eight sub-committees.

Next, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat reported on work at Shan Yoma livestock breeding zone and Kyaukme livestock breeding zone, measures being taken for upgrading of 26 items of rural products in Shan State and works carried out by the forest conservation group in Inlay Region watershed.

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to Central Committee for Implementation of Border Areas and National Races Development in conformity with budget allotment.

Dr Hlay Win of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 5 asked whether there is a plan to upgrade Ingapu-Nyaungkyo Road into a gravel road serviceable for all seasons in Ingapu Township. In response, the Union Minister said that K 234.74 million was earmarked for Ingapu Township Development Affairs Committee under the Ministry of Border Affairs in 2011-2012 fiscal year and K 93.896 million for construction of town/village bridge. Ingapu-Nyaungkyo Road is 15 miles and four furlongs long on which six bridges are located. With the assistance of K 121.226 million of Ingapu Committee Fund and the State’s fund, the 35th day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw ended at 11.15 am and the session will continue for 36th day at 10 am tomorrow.

At today’s session, the Union Minister answered five questions raised by Hluttaw representatives, approved one bill, seconded one bill to be discussed and submitted one bill.—MNA

China, Vietnam agree to strengthen military cooperation

BEIJING, 18 Oct—China and Vietnam pledged to strengthen military cooperation in a joint statement issued on Saturday. The two sides agreed to intensify contacts between high-ranking officers, maintaining vice-ministerial strategic dialogue between the two defence ministries, push forward the establishment of hot-line between the two defence ministries and enhance personnel training and contacts between junior officers. The two countries also agreed to launch a pilot project of joint patrols along their land border at a proper time, continue joint naval patrols in the Beibu Gulf and increase mutual visits of the two countries’ naval warships.

The statement was issued at the end of Vietnamese Communist Party chief Nguyen Phu Trong’s first visit to China from 11 to 15 Oct at the invitation of Hu Jintao, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese president. Xinhu
Performing Arts Competitions continues for fourth day

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—The 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Maung, members of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win enjoy performance of Sagaing Region troupe in “Power of Youth” drama contest.—MNA

Maung Kaung Myat Kyaw of Mandalay Region and members participate in amateur level (second class) men’s Dobet contest.—MNA

Among the enthusiasts were Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi and wife, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Maung, members of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges at central level and region and state level, team managers and contestants, departmental personnel and national race excursion group members.

A total of 13 contestants participated in the basic education level (5-10 aged) girls’ Maha Gita contest, 10 in the higher education level men’s Maha Gita contest, 14 contestants each in the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys’ old/modern song contest, the basic education level (15-20 aged) women’s old/modern song contest, 21 students in the basic education level (10-15 aged) boys’ dancing contest, 15 in the amateur level (second class) women’s dancing contest and four troupes in the amateur level (second class) religious story narrative contest. A total of 14 contestants competed part in the amateur level (second class) men’s and women’s song composing contest, four students in the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys’ piano contest, three in the basic education level (second class) women’s piano contest, five in the amateur level (second class) women’s xylophone contest, six in the basic education level (5-10 aged) girls’ solo orchestra contest, four in the higher education level (first class) women’s troupe orchestra contest, eight in the amateur level (second class) men’s Dobet contest and four in the basic education level (15-20 aged) men’s Dobet contest.—MNA

Daw Nyein Nyein of Kayah State takes part in amateur level (second class) women’s dancing contest.—MNA

CHARGE D’ AFFAIRES OF US EMBASSY CALLS ON UNION FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr. Michael E. Thurston, Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy of the United States of America at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and matters of mutual interests.—MNA

U Maung Maung of Magway Region participates in amateur level (second class) religious story narrative contest.—MNA

Daw Ohnmar Nwe of Shan State competes in amateur level (second class) women’s piano contest.—MNA
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3. The opened tenders are to be submitted from 14.00 hour to 15.00 hour on 24-26 October 2011 during office days. The tender applications that were over the prescribed period will not be considered.

4. The Aanwijzing (Tender Explanation) schedule will be on 24 October 2011 at 02.00-04.00 pm.

5. Detailed information regarding the tender may be available at the Embassy’s website www.kibriyangon.org or the following address.

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3. The opened tenders are to be submitted from 14.00 hour to 15.00 hour on 24-26 October 2011 during office days. The tender applications that were over the prescribed period will not be considered.

4. Bidders is required to have business license with the qualification and classification of small business in sectors of Photo Copy machines, CCTV installation, Air Conditioner, and Computers. Retrieval of documents can be represented with a letter of assignment from the Director/Head of Corporate and Personal Identity Card.

5. The Aanwijzing (Tender Explanation) schedule will be on 24 October 2011 at 10.00-12.00 am.

6. Detailed information regarding the tender may be available at the Embassy’s website www.kibriyangon.org or the following address.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (197)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (197) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.10.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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China flies first Airbus A380 superjumbo

GUANGZHOU, 18 Oct—An Airbus A380 jet touched down at Guangzhou Baiyun Airport on Monday, marking the superjumbo jet’s first commercial flight in China.

Departing Beijing for the southern city of Guangzhou at 10:00 am, the fully-loaded flight landed around 1:00 pm with more than 500 passengers aboard, including Chinese basketball player Yao Ming and mayor of Guangzhou Wan Qingliang. “Flying on board the first A380 in our country is really different.—Internet

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Loosely, 18 Oct — A view of Venice that sold at auction in July for £26.7m has been temporarily stopped from being sold abroad. Culture minister Ed Vaizey has placed a temporary export ban on the painting that could remain until July 2012.

This gives interested parties a limited period to raise the funds required to keep the artwork in the UK. Venice, a View of the Rialto Bridge, Looking North, from the Fonda-menta del Carbon set a new auction record for the 18th Century painter Francesco Guardi. The ruling follows a recommendation by the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art and Objects of Cultural Interest, administered by Arts Council England.

The committee ruled that the export decision be deferred because the painting is “of outstanding aesthetic importance and of outstanding significance”. The decision on an export licence application for the painting will be put off until 16 January 2012. If a serious bid is made or proposed, that deadline may be extended by an additional six months. —Internet

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Everton confirm McFadden signing

McFadden returns to Goodison Park three years after leaving.—INTERNET

LONDON, 18 Oct.—Everton have completed the signing of their former forward James McFadden. The club have confirmed. The Scotland international has rejoined three years after he left the Toffees to sign for Birmingham City. McFadden had been without a club since leaving the Championship side, relegated last season, in the summer. He had trained with Wolverhampton Wanderers and both Mick McCarthy’s side and Celtic were keen on signing the 28-year-old.

However, McFadden has opted to link up again with David Moyes on Merseyside in the hope of resurrecting a career hit by injury in the last year or so. Everton have signed the Scot on a free transfer until the end of the season. McFadden originally joined the Blues from Motherwell in 2003 and scored 11 times in 109 appearances. After moving to the Midlands for £1m the Scot scored 13 times in 82 matches until a cruciate knee ligament injury curtailed his involvement last season.

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LONDON, 18 Oct.—Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard says the club are well placed to challenge to regain Champions League status. A summer of significant recruitment has added strength and depth to a squad which was lacking in a number of areas over the last couple of seasons.

Kenny Daglish’s side may have lost twice already this campaign - at Stoke City and Tottenham Hotspur — but a 1-1 draw at home to Manchester City, the new rich kids on the block, have managed a win in the last batch of Group B fixtures but still without a win and lagging behind Basel and Romanian club Otelul Galati in Bucharest. Benfica after taking just two points from their first two group games.

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Han Zhihou, 18 Oct.—Despite losing his hands in an accident when he was one year old, Zheng Longhua from China turned out to be a handless professional photographer focusing on one theme: the disabled. Zheng, 52, started to hold camera with his wrists 30 years ago. To learn by himself, he rode through the streets on his bike to take pictures for neighbours, friends and sometimes strangers.

As time flew by, Zheng explored his unique way of pressing shutter and developing films. Zheng shook off self-abasement and became more and more confident when more and more photo albums were added to his collection. Five years ago, Zhang started to travel around China, covering more than 60,000 kilomètres. In his journey, he captured the images of 100 disabled celebrities’ with about 45,000 pictures. In 2009, Zhang held his own photo exhibition called “A handless photographer’s journey with 100 Chinese disabled celebrities”.

“When every time I meet with my interviewees, I make friends with them first before I take pictures for them,” said Zheng. The disabled is the eternal theme of his scenes. The 8th Chinese National Games for Disabled was the fourth edition that Zhang participated as a photographer. —INTERNET

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Milan, 18 Oct.—AC Milan attacker Robinho says his club is a serious contender for the Serie A and Champions League titles. The San Siro outfit has had a difficult start to the league this term, winning just two of its first six matches and sitting in 13th position. However, Robinho, who played a key role in the club’s successful championship campaign last season, believes his side cannot be written off in the race for the Scudetto.

“There are many teams in Italy who are difficult to beat,” he told Sky Sport Italia. “But, with all due respect, if we play with the same hunger as last season, we can win another league title.”

“I do not know if we are stronger, but it is clear we are strong. This is just the beginning of the league, there are many matches left and we have to continue doing what we did against Palermo.” The Brazil international went even further and said Milan can mount a serious challenge in the Champions League after drawing with Barcelona and beating Viktoria Plzen in its first two group games.

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Stockholm, 18 Oct.—Veteran Tommy Haas of Germany advanced to the second round of the Stockholm Open on Monday by beating Somdev Devvarman of India 6-4 (4), 6-4. Haas, ranked 290th in the world and playing on a wild card after coming back from injury, will play either Kevin Anderson or Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in the second round.

Philipp Petzschner of Germany also advanced with a 6-7, 7-5 victory over Lukasz Kubot of Poland. Petzschner broke Kubot’s serve twice to win the first set and saved three break points before taking the second. Top-seeded Frenchman Gael Monfils and second-seeded Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina enter the tournament in the second round later in the week.

World champion Ye Shiwen wins tough 400m IM race at National City Games

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Nanchang, 18 Oct.—Ye Shiwen, China’s youngest ever swimming world champion, survived a strong challenge by Li Xuanxu to win the gold medal in women’s 400m individual medley at the Chinese National City Games here on Monday. Ye, who came from no-where to win 200m IM at the world championships in July, is arguably the biggest name in pool events at the National City Games, a quadrennial event held for athletes aged under 20, while Li was a triple gold medalist at the last National City Games in 2005.

Ye and Li got out to a quick start and went neck- and-neck for most of the race. Ye managed to set up a tiny lead on the last leg of freestyle, her specialty, and touched home in 4 minutes 33.66 seconds, her personal best time. Li, 17, was just 0.67 seconds behind and had to settle for the silver medal. —Xinhua
Sick US South Pole scientist flown to New Zealand

Wellington, 18 Oct—A US scientist stranded in Antarctica for almost two months following a suspected stroke has been evacuated from the South Pole to New Zealand in a hazardous airlift.

Renee-Nicole Douceur spoke of her relief after arriving in the South Island city of Christchurch on Monday night. Television pictures showed a tired but upbeat Douceur making her own way through the airport after the flight.

The 58-year-old scientist said she was pleased to have completed the flights without suffering further health complications.

“Coming from the South Pole on the unpressurised plane, I was worried about whether it could do some more serious damage or a stroke or who knows what else,” Douceur told TVNZ.

“They kept the plane at very low altitudes, the air crew knew what to do if something happened to me.”

Douceur is believed to have suffered a stroke at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station in late August, complaining of temporary vision loss and difficulty speaking.

But the harsh Antarctic winter, where temperatures can plunge to -60 Celsius (-72 Fahrenheit), meant an immediate evacuation was impossible.

With conditions easing on the frozen continent over the weekend, reports said a cargo plane set off for Antarctica on Saturday, landing briefly at Britain’s Rothera base before heading to South Pole and picking up Douceur.—Internet

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Steps for rural development and poverty alleviation to be taken in all seriousness while running regular functions of the ministries

Although capital is a fundamental requirement, region and state chief ministers not to rely solely on the State, and instead they should organize entrepreneurs, NGOs, banks in framework of law for financial assistance

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham makes concluding remarks at work coordination meeting-1/2011 of Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct— The second programmes of the work coordination meeting-1/2011 of Work Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation continued at the meeting hall of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here yesterday evening with an address by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham. Also present together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the rural development and poverty alleviation central committee Union Ministers, State/Region Chief Ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min reported on use of GAP for agricultural development, establishment of quality strain agricultural zones, taking trip on study for paddy farms to get knowledge on agricultural methods for farmers, reclamation of model farm of crops, taking out loans for growers, reclamation of four integrated farms, establishment of eight breeding zones, taking care of the flood victims, and establishment of forest plantations.

Chin State Chief Minister U Hone Ngai presented reports on taking out loans for growers and farmers, taking health care, need of specialists in medical field, and extension of quality strain plantations, progress of formation of groups for producing agricultural methods, establishment of quality strain agricultural zones, taking trip on study for paddy farms to get knowledge on agricultural methods for farmers, reclamation of model farm of crops, taking out loans for growers, reclamation of four integrated farms, establishment of eight breeding zones, taking care of the flood victims, and establishment of forest plantations.

Then, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye reported on extension of quality strain plantations, promulgation of agricultural methods, invitation for necessary investments, works being carried out through three main marketing tasks, establishment of breeding zones, arrangements to set loans for small enterprises, and formation of Zayar Padyatha Foundation.

Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Khin Zaw presented reports on progress of monsoon paddy plantations, setting up of integrated farms and breeding zones, capitals for micro finance societies, rural health care and supply of water in rural areas, preparations for fully supply of electricity in 541 villages, and establishment of rural forest plantations.

Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win reported on distribution of quality strains and fertilizers, establishment of 50 model farmlands, formation of groups for breeding and small enterprises, ongoing tasks for supply of electricity to the villages, taking out loans amounted K 57700.551 million, more participation of village administration in rural development and poverty alleviation tasks, giving guidelines to NGOs, INGOs so as to carry out tasks in the region under the rules and regulations of the State.

Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe presented reports on taking out loans for growers and farmers, taking health care, need of specialists in medical field, and extension of forest plantations.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint reported on progress in tasks for boosting per acre yield of major crops, production of 4 million for breeding of cows, more opening of private banks, opening for schools, inauguration of 337 libraries with five characteristics, more and more use of energy and follow-up tasks for rural development.

Performing Arts Competitions continues for fourth day

Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 36th day

Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 35th day

Charge d’Affaires of US Embassy calls on Union Foreign Affairs Minister

Haas, Petzschner advance at Stockholm Open